

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE 2, 2025

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO CREATES AND SAVES

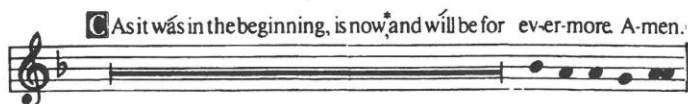
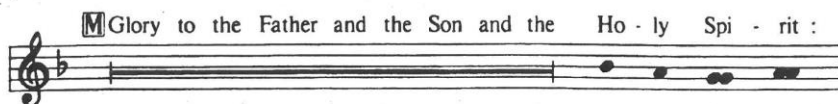
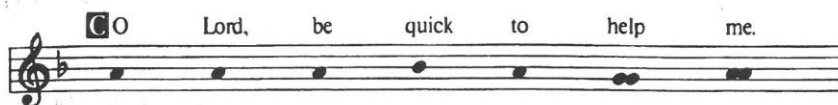
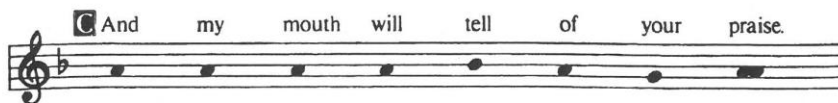
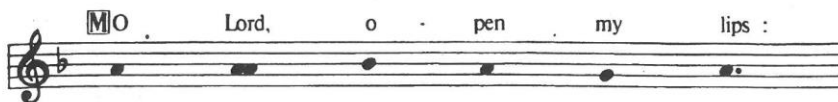
The God who is Creator of all came to save us from sin and death in the incarnate Son of Mary, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is God. He first revealed Himself to Moses with the holy name “I AM,” saying, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:14). When Jesus came to His disciples walking on the crashing waves of the sea of Galilee, He said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27). “It is I” is the same term for the divine name, “I AM.” As He reached out His hand and grabbed the fearful, doubting, sinking Simon Peter, so does His compassionate hand save you in times of despair and helplessness. His greatest deliverance was when He allowed His hands to be nailed to a cross for your sins. As we are helpless like drowning Peter, our repentant prayer this day is in the words of the hymn, “Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling” (*LSB* 761:3).

May the Lord bless our worship tonight



As the minister approaches the altar the congregation stands

Organ



LENT RESPONSORY

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- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

The congregation sits

The Word That Spoke in Darkness

Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein



- 1 The Word that spoke in dark-ness And prom-ised com-ing light
- 2 The Sav-ior came to con-quer And meet His mis-sion's aim:
- 3 The Christ pro-claimed His vic-t'ry With ev-'ry act of grace:
- 4 The Prince of Peace con-tin-ued With each new task com-plete



Kept guid-ing through the a-ges Un-til the time was right
Up- end- ing Sa-tan's ter-ror, Cre-a-tion to re-claim
The out-cast shown com-pas-sion And God's own ho-ly face
At cross and tomb and glo-ry Up-on His roy-al seat,



To take on flesh and fol-low The Fa-ther's good com-mand
By walk-ing on the wa-ters So we by faith may stand
As Jes-sus looked with fa-vor On all from ev-'ry land
De-liv-er-ance ac-com-plished Ex-act-ly as He planned;



And dwell a-mong His peo-ple, The king-dom now at hand.
With trust in Him whose res-cue Is of-fered by His hand.
Who need-ed life and heal-ing From His al-might-y hand.
Our King will raise in wel-come His pierced and ris-en hand.

The congregation stands

PSALM

Psalm 8

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

P Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes,

C **to still the enemy and the avenger.**

P When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C **the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,**

P what is man that You are mindful of him?

C **Yet You have made Him a little lower than the heavenly beings**

P and crowned Him with glory and honour.

C **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands,**

P You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C **the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

P O LORD, our Lord,

C **how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The congregation sits

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 9:1-12

P The First Reading is from Job, the ninth chapter.

¹Then Job answered and said:

²“Truly I know that it is so:

But how can a man be in the right before God?

³If one wished to contend with Him,
one could not answer Him once in a thousand times.

⁴He is wise in heart and mighty in strength
—who has hardened himself against Him, and succeeded?—

⁵He who removes mountains, and they know it not,
when He overturns them in His anger,

⁶who shakes the earth out of its place,
and its pillars tremble;

⁷who commands the sun, and it does not rise;
who seals up the stars;

⁸who alone stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the sea;

⁹who made the Bear and Orion,
the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;

¹⁰who does great things beyond searching out,
and marvelous things beyond number.

¹¹Behold, He passes by me, and I see Him not;
He moves on, but I do not perceive Him.

¹²Behold, He snatches away; who can turn Him back?
Who will say to Him, ‘What are You doing?’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (spoken together)

Hebrews 12:2

**O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from All Four Gospels

Portions selected from Matthew 26:15-27:66, Mark 14:12-15:47, Luke 22:7-23:56, and John 13:1-19:42, arranged chronologically to tell the story of the arrest, trials, suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord Jesus.

Events occur on Thursday and Friday, 13-14 Nissan (April 2-3), 33AD, in and around Jerusalem.

Jesus Valedictory Speech, and High Priestly Prayer

JOHN 14:1¹“Let not your hearts be troubled! Believe in God and believe in Me! ² In My Father’s house there are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go to prepare a place for you, I shall also come again and take you to be with Me, that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you have known Me, you will know My Father also and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father! Then that is enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus asked him, “Have I been with you for such a long time, and have you not known Me, Philip? The person who has seen Me has seen the Father. How do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and that the Father is in Me? These Words, which I am telling you, I am not speaking on My own authority, but the Father, who remains in Me, is doing His works. ¹¹ Believe Me, that I am in the Father and that the Father is in Me. Or else, believe because of the works themselves!

¹² “Truly, truly, I tell you, the person who believes in Me will also do the works that I am doing and do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I shall also do whatever you ask in My name, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me for anything in My name, I shall do it.

¹⁵ “If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments. ¹⁶ I shall also ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see or

know Him. You know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ I shall not leave you as orphans. I am coming back to you.

¹⁹ “Only a little while longer and the world will not see Me any longer, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in My Father, that you are in Me and that I am in you.

²¹ “The person who has My Commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The person who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and show Myself to him.”

²² Judas, not Judas Iscariot, asked Him, “Then, Lord, what has happened that You are going to show Yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him and make Our home with him.

²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My Words. The Word that you hear is not Mine but the Father’s, who has sent Me. ²⁵ I have told you these things while I am still with you. ²⁶ However, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything that I have told you. ²⁷ Peace I am leaving with you. A peace that is My own I am giving to you. I am not giving it to you as the world gives it. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid! ²⁸ You have heard Me telling you, ‘I am going away and am coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens, so that, when it happens, you may believe. ³⁰ I shall not say much to you any longer. For the ruler of the world is coming and has no hold on Me. ³¹ However, the world should realise that I love the Father and that I am doing as the Father has commanded Me! Get up! Let us be going from here!

Jesus Warns of Further Desertion, Cries of Loyalty from the Disciples

Leaving Jerusalem to the East, through the Kidron Valley and to the Garden of Gethsemane

MATTHEW 26:30 After they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹ Then Jesus told them, “All of you will take offence at Me this night. For Scripture has said, ‘I shall strike down the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³² However, after I have been raised, I shall go ahead of you to Galilee.” LUKE 22:31 Then the Lord said, “Simon, Simon, look! Satan has asked for you people, to sift you like wheat. ³² However, I have prayed for you, Simon,

that your faith may not fail. When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers!”

MATTHEW 26:33 Peter answered Him, “If they are all going to take offence at You, I shall never take offence.”

³⁴ Jesus told him, “Truly, I tell you that tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

³⁵ Peter told Him, “Even if I must die with You, I shall certainly not deny You.” All the other disciples said something similar.

Teaching on the Way to the Garden of Gethsemane

JOHN 15:1 “I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Gardener. ² He takes out every branch in Me that does not bear fruit and prunes every branch that bears fruit, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in Me, and I shall remain in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in Me. ⁵ I am the Vine. You are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit. For without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown away like the branch and withers. Such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burnt. ⁷ If you remain in Me, and My Words remain in you, ask for whatever you wish! It will be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you. Remain in My love! ¹⁰ If you keep My Commandments, you will remain in My love, as I have also kept My Father’s Commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you these things that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² This is My Commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you continue to do what I command you. ¹⁵ I no longer call you ‘servants,’ because a servant does not know what his master is doing. However, I have called you ‘friends’ because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. ¹⁶ You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and appointed you that you may go and bear fruit and that your fruit may remain, that the Father may give you whatever you ask for in My name. ¹⁷ This is what I command you: Love one another!

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, that is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the Word that I spoke to you: ‘A slave is not greater than his master’! If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they have observed My Word, they will also observe yours. ²¹ Now they will do all these things to you because of My name, because they do not know Him who has sent Me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ The person who hates Me also hates My Father. ²⁴ If I had not done the works among them that no one else has done, they would have no sin. However, now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵ However, this has happened that the Word may be fulfilled that has been written in their Law: ‘They have hated Me without any reason.’ ²⁶ When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me. ²⁷ You also must testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

After the Narrative:

P Here ends the reading.

The congregation stands

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

The congregation sits

HYMN

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son” (LSB 432)

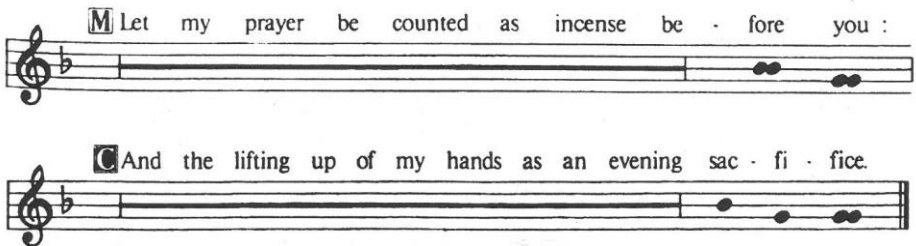
SERMON Matthew 14:22-33 The Hand of the Lord who Creates and Saves

HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus” (LSB 433)

The congregation stands

THE CANTICLE



PRAYER

P Let us pray:

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care” (*LSB* 885)